

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK  
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT BID13013  
TO HIGH TECH LANDSCAPES INC. FOR  
TREE REMOVAL AND TREE TRIMMING SERVICES  
UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services provides for ground maintenance of parks and various municipal property and contracts out tree removal and trimming services, that require specialized lawn care equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract with Sunshine Tree and Landscape, Inc. expires April 30, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, following Super Storm Sandy, Sunshine Tree Trimming Services was engaged to provide an extensive amount of additional services which reached the contract's maximum authorization amount; and

**WHEREAS**, Lou Ann Benson, the Director for the Department, determined there is a need to continue having said services provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the Business Administrator has reviewed and approved the Director's request and deemed it necessary to receive bids for tree removal and trimming services; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2013 the Township Council approved Resolution 304-11.13 authorizing advertisement for receipt of bids for Tree Removal and Tree Trimming Services – BID13013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Deputy Municipal Clerk witnessed the receipt of six bids on December 4, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest bid was submitted by High Tech Landscapes, Inc. (10 Culnen Drive, Branchburg, NJ 08876) in the amount \$91,250.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director was approved funding for these services as part of the FY2014 Parks OE – Tree Maintenance Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Ron Gordon with Decotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole LLP, appointed Municipal Legal Counsel has reviewed the proposals submitted and determined High Tech Landscapes, Inc. bid the lowest responsive and responsible under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Lou Ann Benson has reviewed and recommends award of the bid submitted by High Tech Landscapes, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, compensation is to be paid at an hourly rate of \$170.00 per regular hours and an hourly rate of \$180.00 for weekend hours for a three (3) man crew with an estimated 525 hours totaling \$91,250.00 as an "open ended" contract. This projected cost is an estimate and may be exceeded if conditions warrant, but will be subject to the availability of funds and approval by Council action; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract will commence January 1, 2014 and end December 31, 2015 with an option to renew the contract for two (2) additional one-year periods; and

**WHEREAS**, funds in the amount of \$5,630.00 have been made available in account Park Operating Budget 4-01-28-375-000-178 and the balance shall be made available contingent upon appropriation of funds within FY2014 or in future fiscal years; and